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Sudan election results to be announced today (*Al Intibaha et al*)

NCP downplays opposition protests over election results

The National Congress Party (NCP) downplayed a call by opposition party leaders to stage a demonstration to protest election results in Sudan. NCP Deputy Chairman Mohamed Mandour Al-Mahdi, ridiculed a statement by the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) presidential candidate, who pledged that many of his supporters would take to the streets to protest the results of the elections. Al-Mahdi indicated that there would be no violence on the street after the announcement of the poll results in Sudan because “the preference of the Sudanese people for the NCP is clear from the majority of votes for the party.” (*Sudan News Agency*)

Al-Bashir and Mbeki discuss new government cabinet

Sudanese President Omer Hassan Al-Bashir met with Chairman of the African Union High-Level Implementation Panel Thabo Mbeki to discuss the ongoing election process as well as the establishment of the post-election government in Sudan. Al-Bashir pledged that the new government would be as broad based as possible and would include members from other political parties, even opposition parties that had boycotted the elections. The Sudanese president had said earlier this month that only parties that had participated in the elections could join the government. Mbeki told reporters following his talks with Al-Bashir that he would meet with South Sudan President Salva Kiir Mayardit in Juba. (*Al-Tayar, Sudantribune.com*)

Renewed clashes between SPLA and the Rezaigat

According to press reports, an outbreak of renewed clashes between the Sudan Peoples' Liberation Army

(SPLA) and the Rezaigat tribe have taken place in three different locations in South Darfur State. (*Al-Intibaha*)

Al-Mahdi meets with JEM in Cairo

Umma Party leader Al-Sadig Al-Mahdi met with a delegation from the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM) in Cairo yesterday to discuss the latest developments in the political arena in Sudan as well as challenges hindering the peace process in Darfur. The two parties agreed to continue the meetings between them in order to find solutions for achieving peace in Darfur as well as facilitating the democratic process in Sudan. (*Al-Akhbar, Al-Ayam*)

Journalist arrested in Unity State for covering demonstrations

A local journalist was arrested on Friday while covering demonstrations in Unity State's capital, Bentiu. Bonifacio Taban Kuich was arrested by security forces during a general protest in Bentiu following an announcement that the Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) incumbent caretaker governor, Taban Deng Gai, had won the gubernatorial election against his main independent rival, Angelina Teny. During the demonstrations, two people were shot dead by security forces and several others seriously wounded. Kuich was allegedly beaten by security forces, who also confiscated his equipment before releasing him for one day, only to re-arrest him the next day and transfer him to an unknown location. According to family members, there were no stated charges against him. (*Sudantribune.com*)

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